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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.20

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 33rd meeting, on 23 November 1998, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/32 and Corr.1) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.20. It also considered the performance report of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998 (A/C.5/53/25 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/674).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/53/SR.33).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the performance report of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998 and to inform it that, should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.20, an additional appropriation of $22,640,800 would be required under

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section 3, Peacekeeping operations and special missions, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999. An additional appropriation of $2,465,700 would also be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.